

Senate Resolution 536

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the physicians, staff, and volunteers of Sumter Regional
2 Hospital; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on the evening of March 1, 2007, Sumter Regional Hospital of Americus,
4 Georgia, received extensive structural damage from tornado winds in a series of storms that
5 rocked the Southeast, damaging more than 400 homes and causing at least 20 casualties:
6 nine in Georgia, including two in Americus, ten in Alabama, and one in Missouri; and

7 WHEREAS, the storm shattered the hospital's windows, overturned cars in the parking lot,
8 and hurled trees, rocks, and other debris through the air, stripping part of the hospital's facade
9 from the building; and

10 WHEREAS, the Sumter Regional Hospital employees, in coordination with volunteers and
11 first responders from throughout the area, responded with the utmost professionalism in the
12 face of crisis and reacted with unusual speed and efficiency to evacuate approximately 60
13 patients that were present in the building on the night of the storm, three of which were in
14 critical condition; and

15 WHEREAS, hospital employees were aided by medical personnel from Flint River Hospital
16 in Montezuma, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, and Crisp Regional Hospital
17 in Cordele who unhesitatingly stepped forward to assist in the evacuation and admit Sumter
18 patients into their care; and

19 WHEREAS, despite the urgency and danger of the situation, every patient was evacuated
20 successfully due to the heroic actions of the Sumter Regional Hospital personnel.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in commending the physicians, staff, and volunteers of Sumter Regional Hospital for
23 their courageous and highly professional performance during the tornado of March 1, 2007,

1 expressing gratitude for their invaluable service to the State of Georgia and the United States,
2 and extending to them their sincerest best wishes for the future.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sumter Regional Hospital.